

Public Health Accreditation Board Update

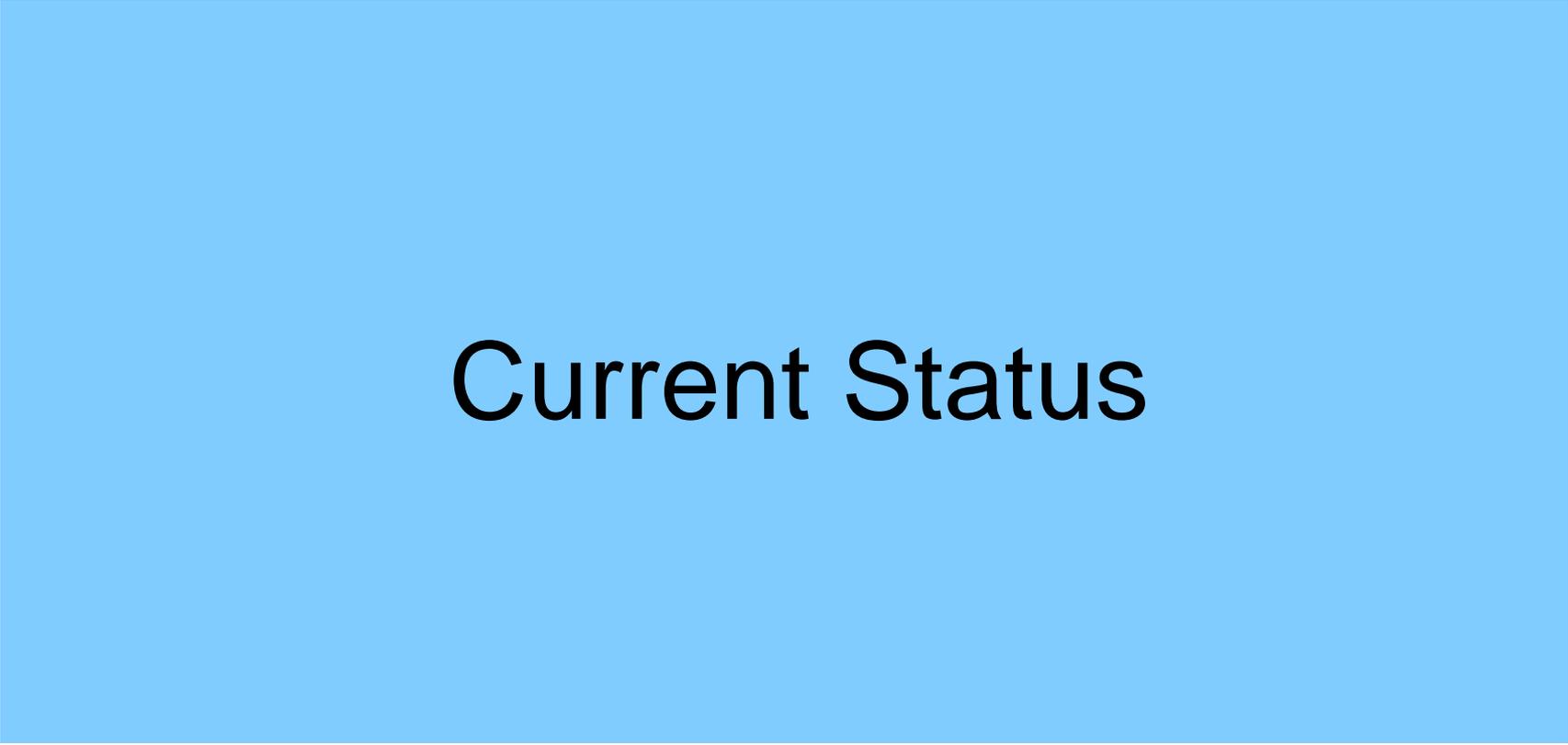


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Session Objectives

- Provide an update of the national public health accreditation program.
- Describe some early findings on the evaluation results, benefits and value of accreditation
- Discuss some of the changes in the accreditation program



Current Status

Public Health Accreditation Board



PHAB is national accrediting organization for

- State health departments
- Local (city, county regional) health departments
- Tribal health departments
- Territorial health departments
- **Army Preventive Medicine/Public Health Departments.**

Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)



The goal of the voluntary national accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of public health departments.

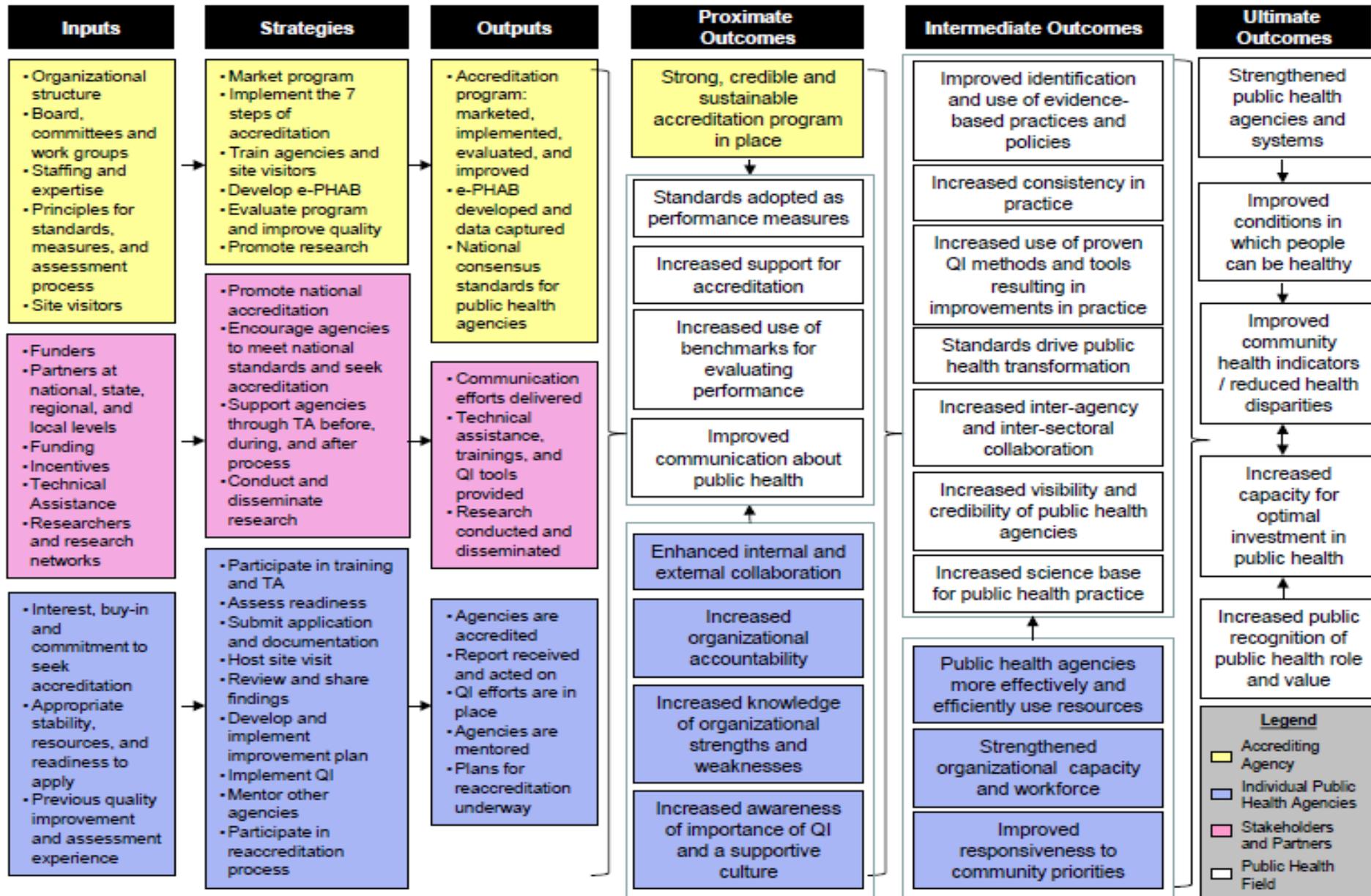
What is Public Health Accreditation?



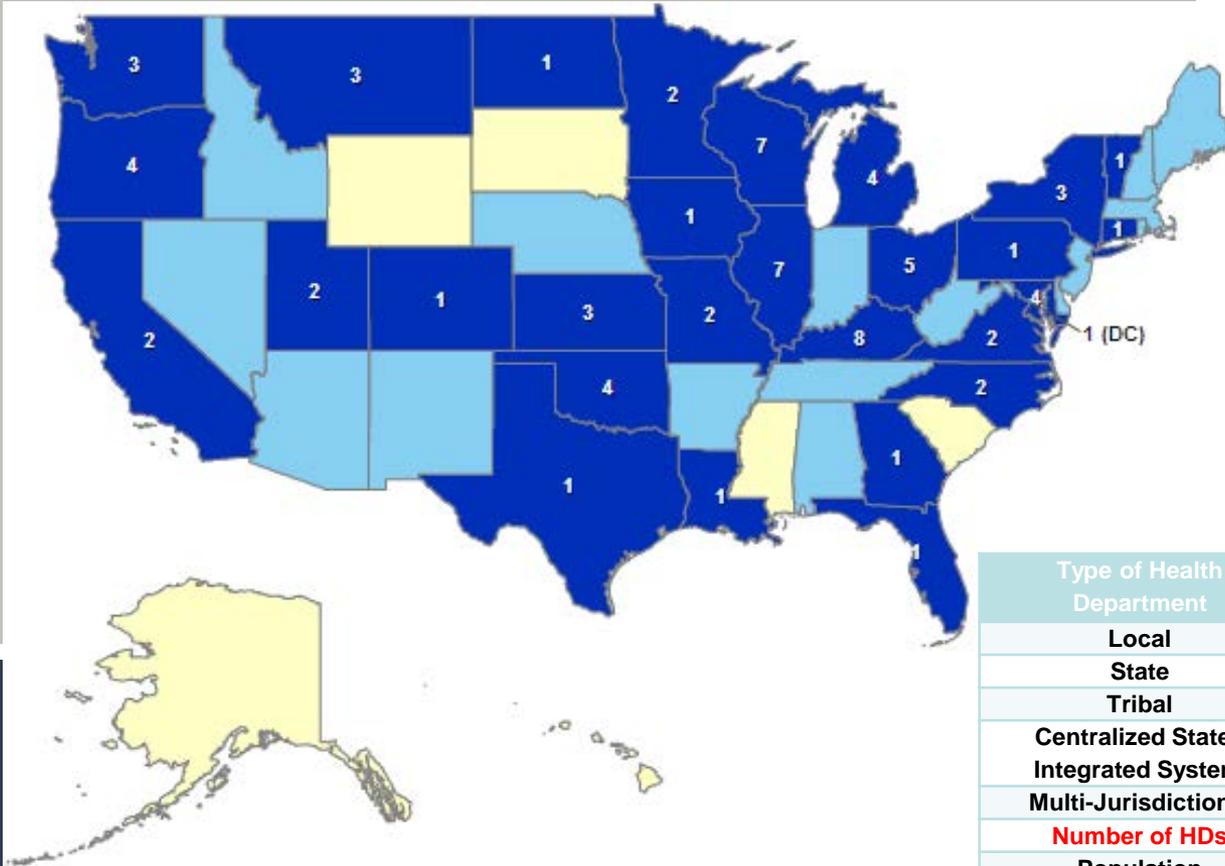
- The measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused and evidenced-based standards.
- The issuance of recognition of achievement of accreditation within a specified time frame by a nationally recognized entity.
- The continual development, revision, and distribution of public health standards.

Public Health Agency Accreditation System

Approved December 2013



Accreditation Activity as of August 2015



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Type of Health Department	Accredited	In Process	Total in e-PHAB
Local	70	157	227
State	9	22	31
Tribal	.	3	3
Centralized States Integrated System ⁱ	.	67	67
Multi-Jurisdictional	.	8	8
Number of HDs	79	257	336
Population (Unduplicated)	120,690,197	104,691,063	225,381,260

ⁱSingle accreditation for multiple health departments

*Applicant Names Are Kept
Confidential*

Accreditation Process

- 1 Pre-application
- 2 Application
- 3 Document Selection & Submission
- 4 Site Visit
- 5 Accreditation Decision
- 6 Reports
- 7 Reaccreditation





What Has PHAB Learned So
Far About from the Evaluation
about the Benefits and Value
of Accreditation



External Evaluation Overview



at the UNIVERSITY of CHICAGO

- Initial 3-year contract
- Focus on process and short-term outcomes
- Data collection from HDs
 - Survey 1: After HDs submit their Statement of Intent (n=131)
 - Survey 2: After HDs are accredited (n=39)
 - Survey 3: One year after HDs are accredited (n=28)
 - Interviews with 18 HD staff/stakeholders

Quality Improvement

	Survey 1 (n=131)	Survey 2 (n=39)	Survey 3 (n=28)
HD uses or has implemented/plans to implement strategies to monitor and evaluate effectiveness and quality.	84%	100%	-
HD uses or plans to use information from QI processes to inform decisions.	76%	100%	96%
HD has implemented or plans to implement new strategies for QI.	71%	92%	100%
HD compares programs, processes, and outcomes against other similar HDs as a benchmark for performance.	56%	-	82%
HD has implemented strategies for QI to demonstrate continued conformity with the Standards & Measures.	-	-	100%
As a result of the accreditation process, HD has a strong culture of QI.	-	-	93%

- HDs reported positive relationships with stakeholders prior to accreditation (Survey 1, n=131)
 - Local community stakeholders (99%)
 - BOH/governing entity (99%)
 - Local policymakers (95%)
- HDs reported improved relationships with stakeholders after accreditation (Survey 2, Survey 3)

	Survey 2 (n=39)	Survey 3 (n=28)
Local community stakeholders	80%	79%
BOH/governing entity	77%	79%
Local policymakers	64%	64%

Accreditation Benefits and Outcomes

- For 96% of respondents,* accreditation has:
 - Stimulated QI and PI opportunities within HD
 - Improved management processes used by HD leadership
 - Stimulated greater accountability and transparency within HD
 - Helped HD document capacity to deliver three core functions of public health and Ten Essential Public Health Services
 - Allowed HD to better identify strengths and weaknesses
- For 86% of respondents, accreditation has:
 - Improved HD's accountability to external stakeholders
- For 61% of respondents, accreditation has:
 - Improved HD's competitiveness for funding opportunities

*Respondents one year after accredited that strongly agree or agree (n=28), RR=90.3%



Changes and New Work Planned



Changes in the Guide to Public Health Department Accreditation

- Basically the same, with improvements
- Shorten time frames for some steps
 - Registration (90 days from start to submission)
 - Application (6 months from access to submission)
- Formal Extension Procedure
- Inactive Status
- Deleted Factual Error step (saves 30 days)

Prerequisite Requirements

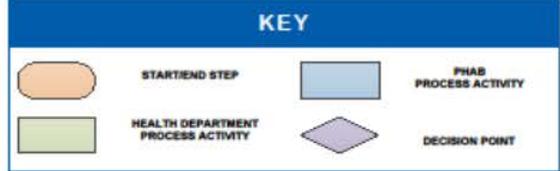
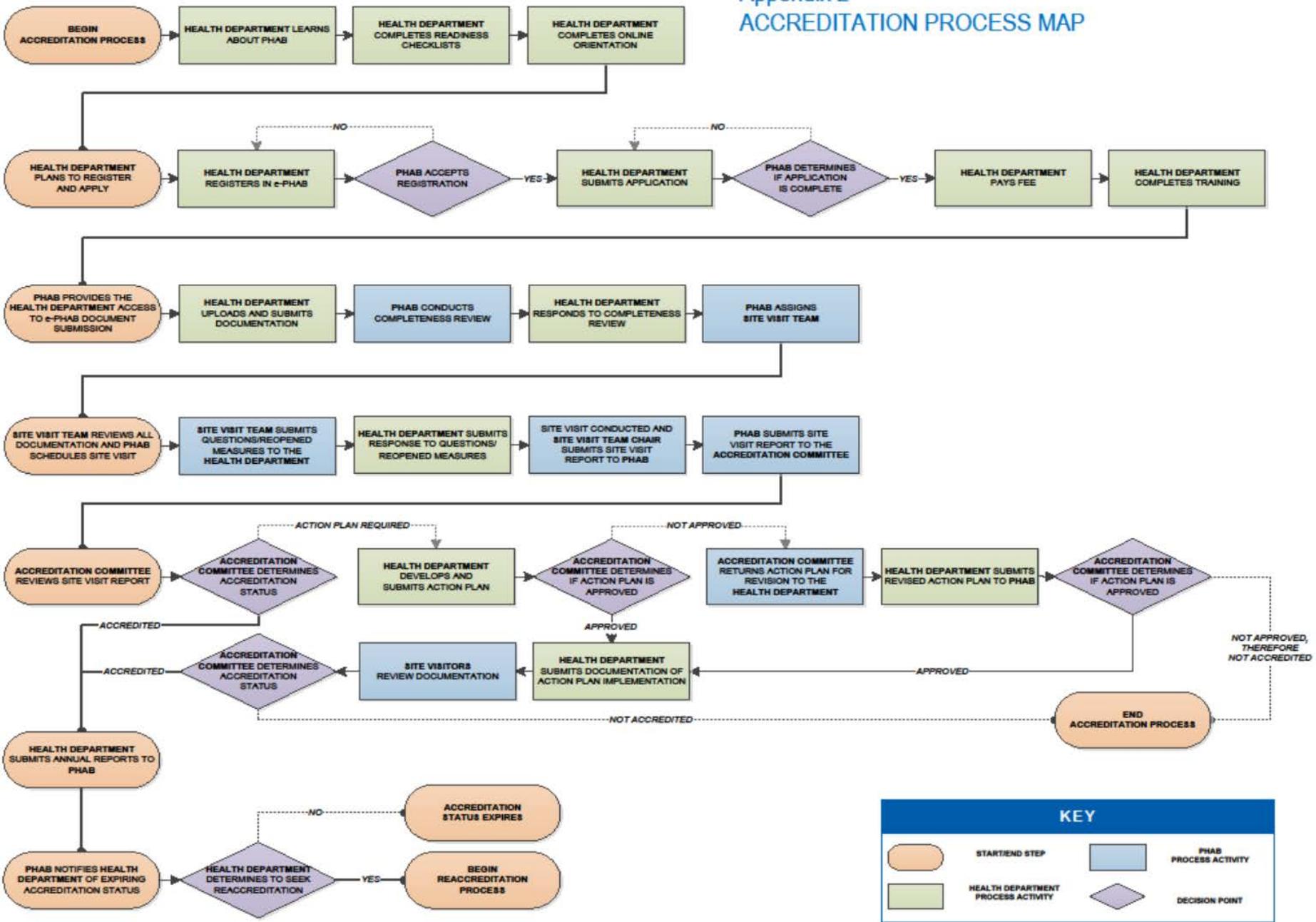
- HDD affirms current CHIP & SP (not upload with application)
- HDD affirms current or substantially developed and near completion:
 - Workforce development plan
 - Emergency operations plan
 - QI plan
 - Performance management system
 - Organizational branding strategy

Metrics for Assessing Plans

- CHA/CHIP
- Strategic Plan
- Workforce development plan
- Emergency operations plan
- QI plan
- Performance management system

Appendix 2 ACCREDITATION PROCESS MAP

1. PREPARATION
2. REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION
3. DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION
4. SITE VISIT
5. ACCREDITATION DECISION
6. REPORTS
7. REACCREDITATION



New Accreditation Products

- Army Preventive Medicine/Public Health Accreditation
- Vital Records/Health Statistics Accreditation Exploration
- Exploring New Accreditation Product for Health Departments Serving Less Than 50,000 Population
- Crosswalk with Six Functions of Governance
- Alignment with FPHS

Questions





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